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HOSPITAL AND TRAINING-SCHOOL NOTES



THE new nurses' home in Claremont, N. H., in connection with the General Hospital, was dedicated with suitable exercises on August 21.

THE graduating exercises of the class of 1908 of the New York City Training School for Nurses were held on October 17 at the nurses' home on Blackwell's Island.

THE Washington University Hospital, St. Louis, Mo., graduated its first class of nurses, five in number, on June 11. K. A. Weber, Mary A. Lannigan, Jennette A. Anderson, Ora Wright, and Ruby Reely were the graduates.

THE Graduate Nurses' Registry of Evansville, Indiana, organized on April 1 of this year, has been very successful. There are over fifty names on the registry and not only trained nurses, but practical nurses and those giving massage may register, thus centralizing all calls. The doctors and patients have shown their appreciation of the convenience of a central place for all such service by increased patronage.

THE report of the Antituberculosis League of Cleveland is issued in a handsome booklet with illustrations. A chart at the beginning shows the different charities and organizations in the city which are helping the work and each other. One interesting feature of the work there is the children's tent colony, where this past summer twelve tents sheltered twenty tuberculous children and their care-takers.

A REPORT is at hand of the Rome, N. Y., Hospital and Training School. It has good illustrations which give the impression of an excellently equipped institution. The hospital accommodates, we judge, about twenty-five patients, of all classes of illness. It had not sufficient room for all who applied during part of the year. The nurses' quarters have been made more adequate and the number of pupils can now be increased to fourteen.

THE graduating exercises of the Jackson Sanatorium Training School for Nurses, Dansville, New York, were held on the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the institution, October first, at seven P. M. An address was given by Dr. Ward, president of Wells College, Aurora, New York. After the administration of oath, diplomas were presented to Estelle Parrott, Ethel G. MacEdward, Marian C. Mason, Marie Paterson, Florence E. Page and Bessie M. Van Wagenen.

A REPORT of the tuberculosis work of Bellevue Hospital and Dispensary, illustrated, gives an excellent idea of the work done in the dispensary, the tuberculosis clinic, the children's clinic, and the day camp on the abandoned ferry boat. At the present time four graduate nurses are employed in the tuberculosis department of the dispensary with one pupil nurse, each having six weeks of the training. On the boat is one nurse with a corps of assistants. A large number of needy cases are reached.

A REPRINT from the *Archives of Pediatrics* gives an address by Dr. Gerstenberger of Cleveland on "The Modern Babies' Dispensary." It is a comprehensive survey of the dispensaries for babies here and abroad, showing the distinct difference in usefulness between those in which a nurse dispenses clean milk made up by stock formulæ and those in which there is careful scientific study of babies, sick and well, with a primary effort to establish and continue breast feeding. Every one working in these lines or interested in them should read this pamphlet.

THE first annual commencement of the Hackley Hospital Training School for Nurses was held at the Women's Club Building, Muskegon, Michigan, on the evening of September 16. Two nurses were graduated, Anna A. Ewing, Lansing, Mich., and Sylvia M. Erb, North Branch, Mich.

The addresses to the nurses were made by the Rev. A. Hadden and Dr. John VanderLaan and by Miss Linda Richards, superintendent of nurses, Michigan Asylum for the Insane, Kalamazoo, who also administered the modified Hippocratic oath to the graduating class. The exercises were followed by a reception and dancing.

PLANS are being prepared for a new nurses' home and training school for nurses, to be erected on the grounds of the Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn. The building will be five stories high, and will be constructed of red brick, with limestone and terracotta trimmings. On the first floor will be the quarters of the superintendent, a library, demonstration classrooms, study rooms, a lecture hall, two reception rooms, the nurses' dining room, and several bedrooms. The second, third and fourth floors will be occupied by bedrooms, and on the fifth floor will be a gymnasium and a sun parlor.

THE graduating exercises of the St. Agnes Hospital Training School for Nurses, Philadelphia, were held in the study hall of the hospital, September 24. The program was opened with a prayer and address by the Rev. G. J. Nusstein, C.Ss.R. Diplomas were conferred by Dr. A. O. J. Kelly, chairman of the training-school committee. Medals were presented by Sister M. Borromeo, O.S.F., Superior of the hospital. The graduates were: Sister M. Doretta, O.S.F.; Helen A. MacFelle, Camden, N. J.; Marie P. Connolly, Towanda; Mary A. Kelly, Philadelphia; James W. McMonagle, Philadelphia; Anna E. Wolford, Hanover; Rose A. Dorrian, Philadelphia.

AN announcement is received of the School for Nurses of Parker Memorial Hospital, connected with the University of Missouri at Columbia, in that state. The hospital has a capacity of forty-five beds and receives all cases except contagious. The training school has the advantage of the corps of medical lecturers from the University and the use of its library and laboratories. The course is three years and covers the usual ground. That which is unusual is set forth in the paragraph which states: "A candidate who shows satisfactory evidence of work successfully completed elsewhere may receive credit for the time thus spent. She must have had education equivalent to that gained in a high school, and must have taken training in a reputable school for nurses. She must also show a letter from that school stating that she gave up her work in an honorable way and had a good record during her residence there." With these safeguards the experiment seems a perfectly fair one. It sometimes happens that for some perfectly legitimate reason a nurse is obliged to give up her training for a time, and there may also be a good reason why she cannot return to her former school. For such, this is an opportunity seldom found.

THE graduating exercises of the head nurse class of the training school for nurses connected with Passavant Hospital, Jacksonville, Ill., were held on Tuesday evening, September 15, at the hospital.

The administrative part of the building, consisting of lecture room, offices, superintendent's room and nurses' sitting room, were thrown together and were decorated with a large flag prettily draped in the lecture room and quantities of fall flowers. The rooms were well filled with the friends of the hospital and school who spent a very pleasant social evening. Fruit punch and wafers were served.

Dr. C. E. Black, dean of the training school, after a few well-chosen words of encouragement and advice presented the diplomas, after which Alice I. Twitchell, superintendent of the hospital and training school pinned on the medals.

The graduating class numbered but five members as it had been an unfortunate one in having lost several members, one married, some were dropped for cause and others left for various reasons.

The senior class numbers eleven and the junior class will have that number when filled. The outgoing class is the last one to receive but two years' training, the term having been extended last fall to the three years required by the Illinois state law.

